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IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

# MEGA MAN™

## PREVIOUSLY...

When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

The recent tragedy at the the Advanced Robotics Trade Show sparked Dr. Light to finally tell Rock the truth about the robot named Blues. Dr. Light revealed that Blues was the proto-type of a series of advanced fighting robots that he was contracted to build for the military. This series would eventually become the "Robot Masters," but Light counted this first robot as his "son." When a training accident nearly destroyed Blues, Light resolved to repair the young robot's inner mechanisms. Distraught over being referred to as simply a "flawed" machine that needed "fixing," Blues left home and Dr. Light's regret over that loss seems to haunt him to this day.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wily has now, unbeknownst to Mega Man, retreated to the Amazon Jungle where a mysterious new presence called "Ra Moon" has made itself known to the evil genius. Wily has channeled this strange power into building an army of robot masters, that is, until none-other-than Blues emerged from the jungle! Now dubbed "Break Man," Blues has seemingly become Wily's newest weapon against Dr. Light and the forces of good.

But the question remains, what lead Blues to the Amazon, and what is he prepared to do in the name of revenge...

### CHARACTER SELECT



BLUES



DR. LIGHT



DR. WILY



GUTS MAN



# PROTO-TYPE

## PART TWO: THE LONELY ROAD

I AM BLUES--THE FIRST CREATION OF DR. THOMAS LIGHT, HIS FIRST... SON.

I AM DYING. THE POWER CORE IN MY CHEST IS FLAWED. I'M LIVING ON BORROWED TIME.\*

DOCTOR LIGHT PLANNED TO CHANGE IT--TO CHANGE ME. HE COULD NOT--OR WOULD NOT--GUARANTEE THAT I WOULD REMAIN INTACT.

ME, MYSELF, I.

SO I HAVE GONE TO LIVE WHAT'S LEFT OF MY LIFE ON MY OWN TERMS. I WOULD RATHER DIE TOMORROW AS BLUES THAN LIVE FOREVER AS SOMEONE ELSE.

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AND WHILE I  
HAVE NO  
REGRETS...

HELLO.

...IT CAN BE LONELY  
SOMETIMES.

IS THIS YOUR CAR,  
SIR OR MADAM?

UH...  
NO.

DO YOU  
NEED TO  
PAY YOUR  
FEE?

I WAS  
JUST SAYING  
"HELLO" TO A  
FELLOW  
ROBOT.

THANK YOU,  
HAVE A  
NICE DAY.

HELLO  
THERE,  
LITTLE  
ROBOT.

HELLO?

THERE  
ARE TIMES  
WHEN I DO  
WONDER...

A BIT EARLY FOR  
TRICK-OR-TREATING,  
KIDDO. YOU MIGHT  
WANT TO GO HOME  
AND CHANGE--AND  
GET A HAIRCUT.

"HOME."  
SURE.



...HOW THINGS  
ARE BACK  
"HOME."

THOMAS?  
ARE YOU  
IN?

YES, YOU ARE! I  
WAS KNOCKING FOR  
FIVE MINUTES. THE  
PLACE IS A PIT. WHY  
DON'T YOU BUILD  
SOME HOUSE-  
KEEPING ROBOTS,  
FOR PITY'S SAKE?

HE'S NOT  
COMING BACK,  
ALBERT.

WHO ISN'T--  
EGAD! IS THIS  
CHECK FOR  
YOUR RESEARCH  
GRANT?!

BLUES. HE'S  
NOT COMING  
BACK, AND  
IT'S MY FAULT.

THOMAS,  
FOR THE LOVE  
OF ASIMOV,  
YOU NEED TO--



BLUES WAS YOUR *PROTOTYPE*, A MEANS TO AN END. LISTEN, FIRST THING WE'RE GOING TO DO IS COMPLETE THOSE COMBAT ROBOTS FOR THE MILITARY. NAME THEM AFTER THOSE ARMY *JOES*, AND THOSE GENERALS WILL BUY THEM BY THE HUNDREDS.



WITH THAT KIND OF MONEY, WE CAN BUILD YOUR *REAL* VISION--THE ROBOT MASTERS! FREE-THINKING ROBOTS TO SERVE HUMANITY AND SHOW WHO THE *REAL* GENIUSES ARE.



...THERE'S A LOT OF "WE" IN THERE, AL.

I'LL HELP YOU, THERE'S PLENTY OF LOOP-HOLES IN THE WORDING OF MY BAN.



BESIDES, YOU NEED SOMEONE TO KEEP YOU FROM TRYING TO PLAY "FATHER" TO YOUR CREATIONS.

NO...THE PROBLEM IS MIXING THE PURPOSES. CHILDREN SHOULD BE CHILDREN--

--NOT WEAPONS OR WORKERS. AND THEY NEED A TIME OF INNOCENCE... ROOM TO GROW AND LEARN AT THEIR OWN PACE...

≡SIGH≡ GROUND CONTROL TO DOCTOR TOM, YOU NEED TO COME BACK DOWN.



YOU'RE RIGHT AS WELL. THE ROBOT MASTERS WON'T BE AS..."HUMAN" AS BLUES. MAYBE I COULD USE THE HELP AFTER ALL.

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CAME AROUND. YOU WON'T REGRET LETTING ME HELP.





THERE ARE NO ROBOTS  
OF MY CALIBER. I HAVE NO  
PLACE AMONG THE HUMANS.

I AM BETTER  
OFF ALONE.



ESPECIALLY  
GIVEN THE  
NATURE OF MY  
POWER CORE,  
IF I MAINTAIN  
MINIMAL OUT-  
PUT, I SHOULD  
SURVIVE FOR  
A LONG--

AAAAAA  
HHHHH!

VRMMMM!

HA! HA!

HA! HA!

HA! HA!

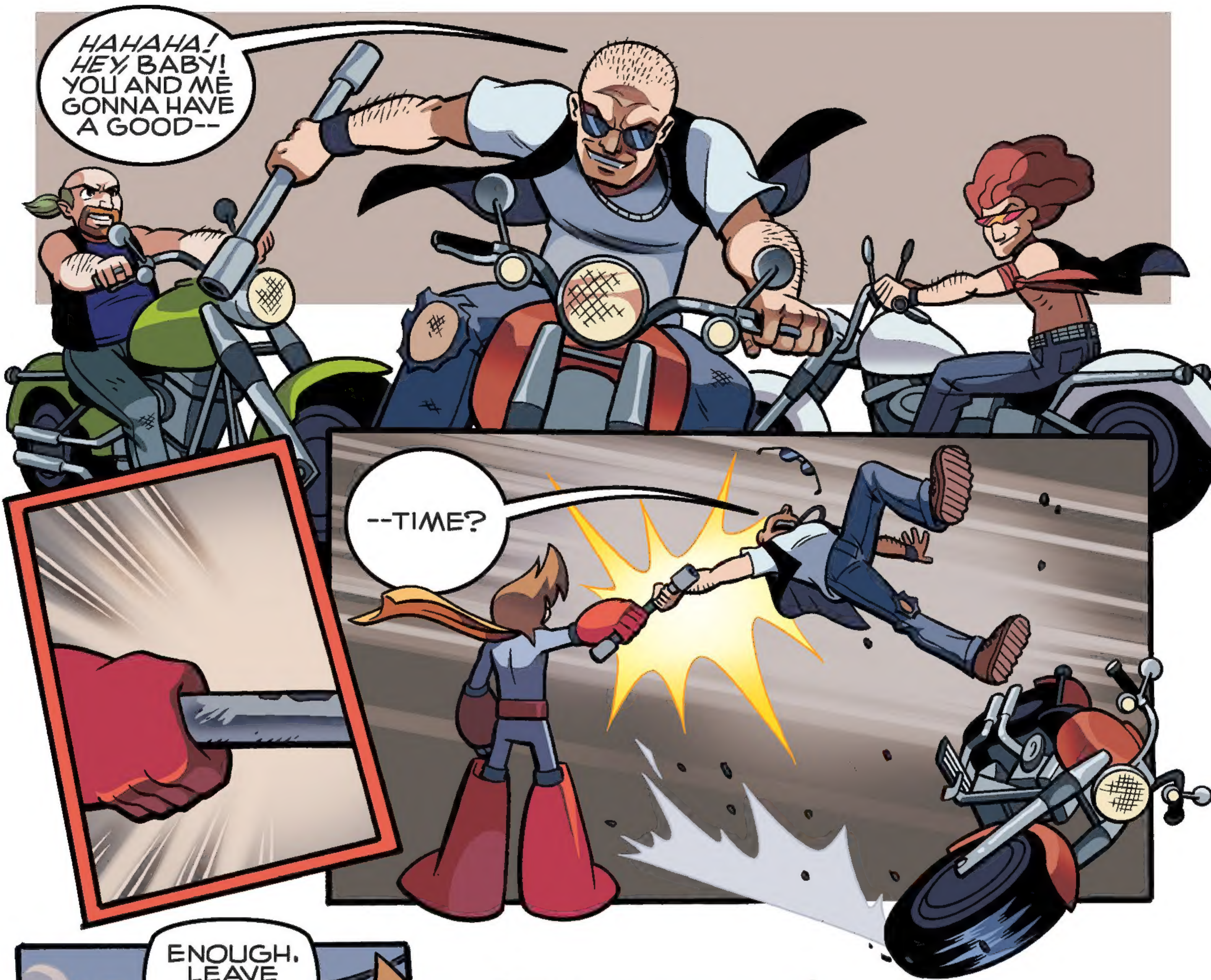
VRMMMM!

P-P-PLEASE!  
JUST LET MY  
WIFE AND SON  
GO...

YOU SURE  
PICKED THE  
WRONG SHORT-  
CUT TODAY,  
BUDDY!









RUN  
THE  
FREAK  
DOWN!

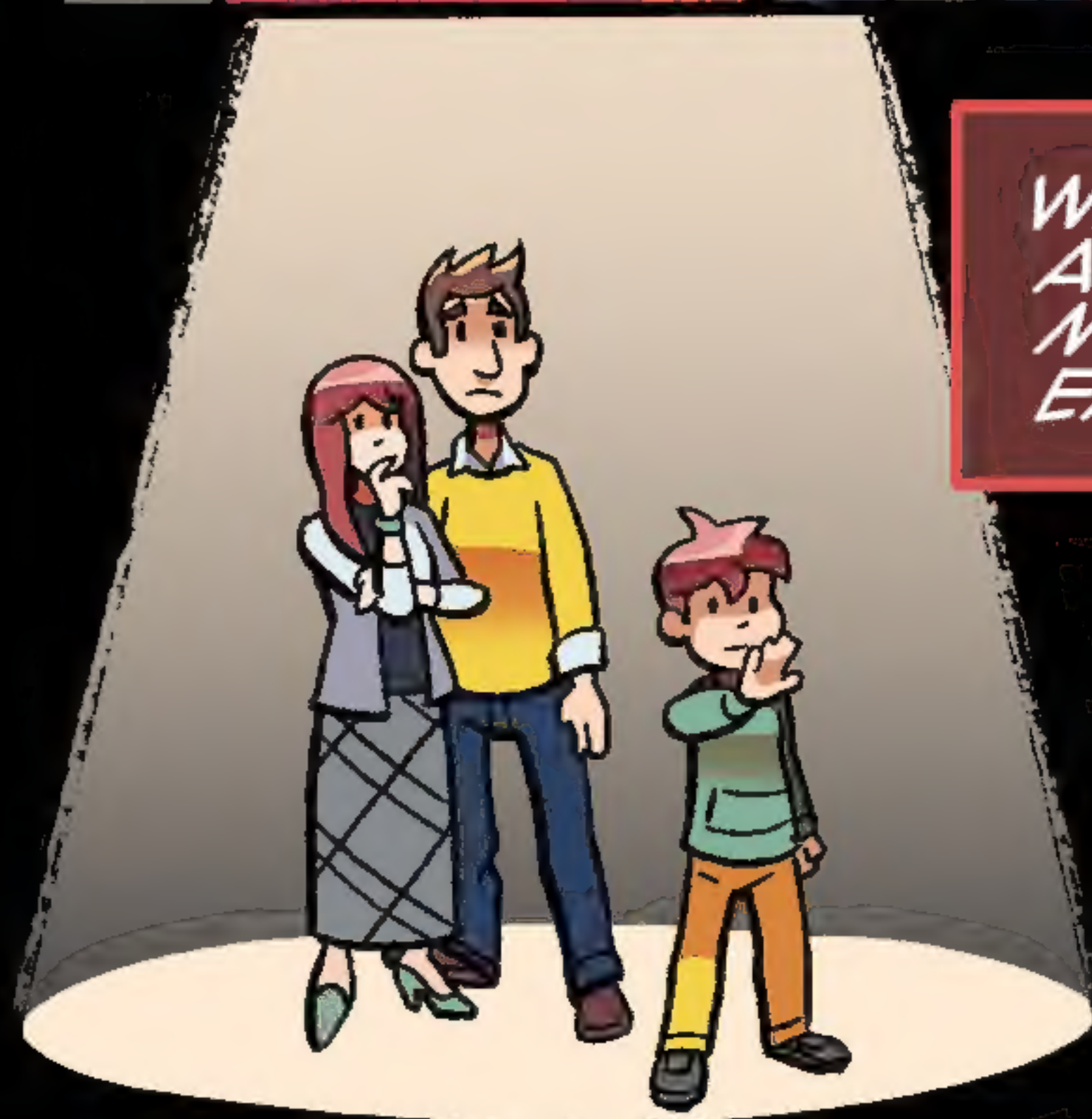
BLAM!

THAT  
WAS PRETTY  
LUCKY, GREEN  
BIKER DUDE.

DON'T  
PRESS  
YOUR  
LUCK.

LEAVE.





WHAT WAS THAT  
ABOUT CONSERVING  
MY POWER  
EARLIER?







I WOULD LIVE  
LONGER IF I KEPT  
TO MYSELF.

IF I KEPT TO  
MYSELF, I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE HELPED  
THESE  
PEOPLE.  
TOO MANY  
FATHERS AND  
MOTHERS  
LOSING THEIR  
DAUGHTERS  
AND SONS.

I DON'T  
STAY FOR  
THEIR THANKS.  
I DON'T NEED  
IT.

I'VE HEARD  
THEM CALL  
ME A HERO  
HEH.

CHAD! G.G.



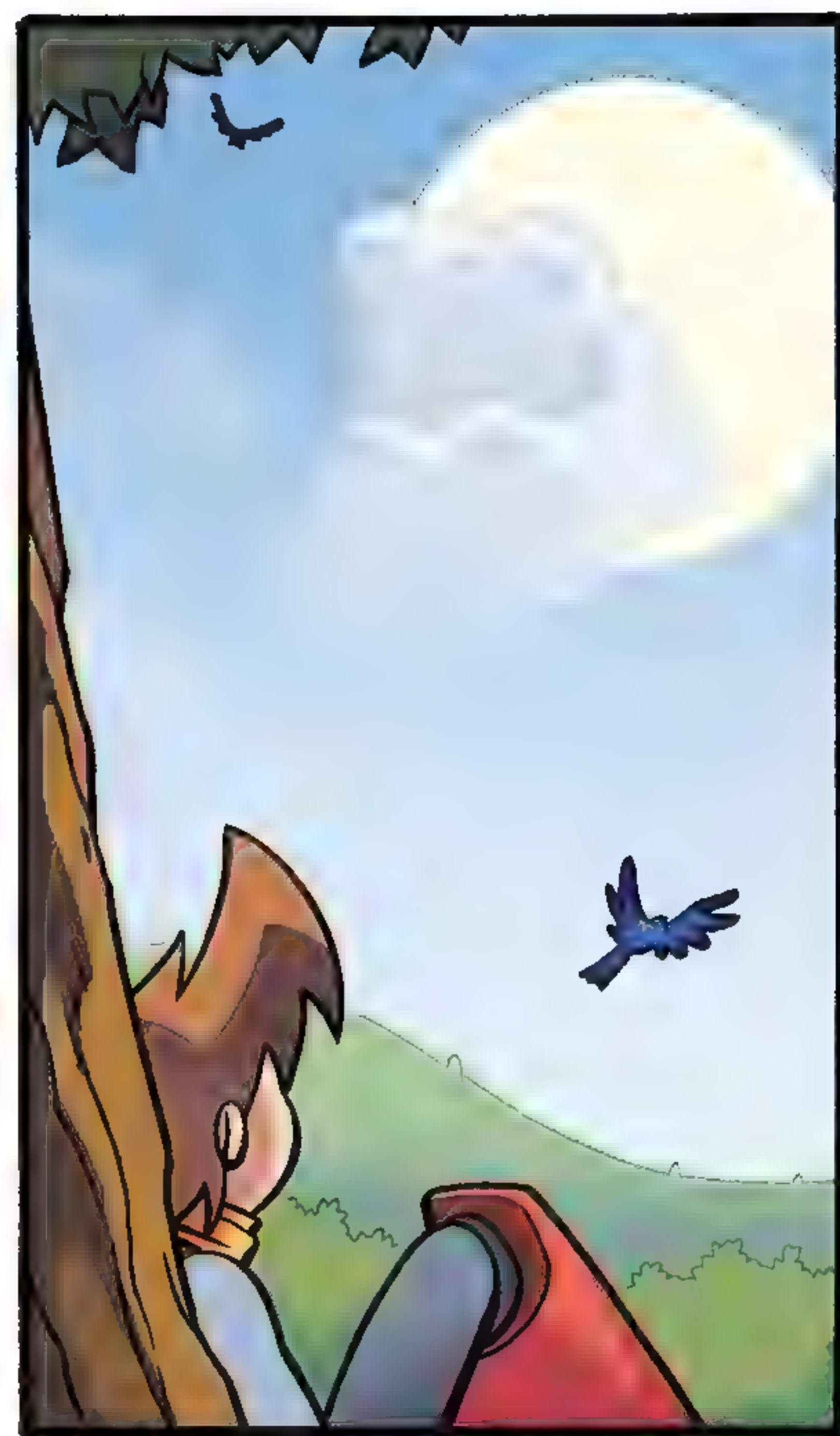
I RAN OUT OF  
E-TANKS LONG  
AGO. MY  
POWER RE-  
SERVES ARE  
REPLENISHED  
AFTER A  
GOOD "NAP..."



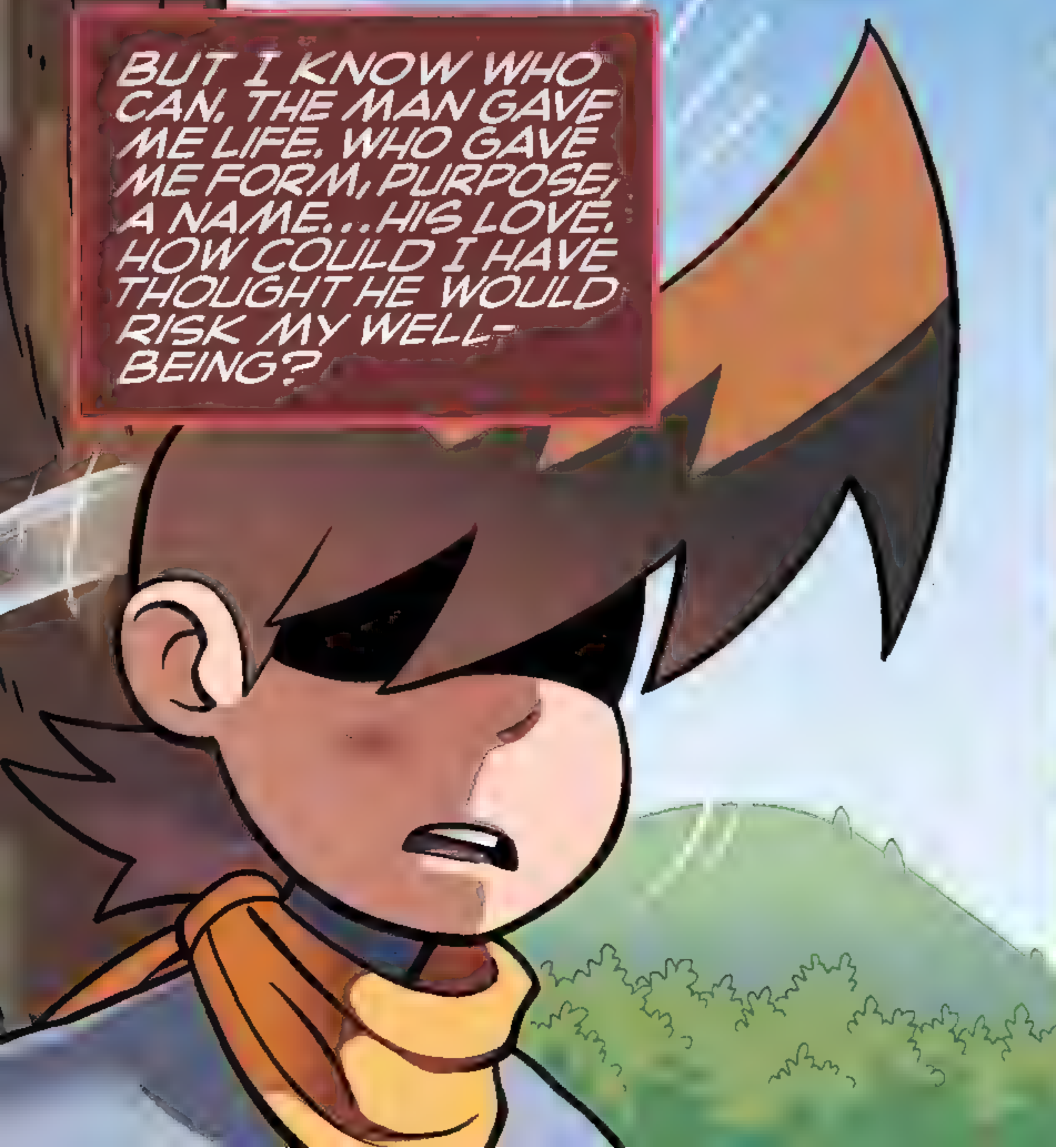
...BUT I RECEIVE  
LESS ENERGY  
EACH TIME I  
"WAKE UP." MY  
TIME IS RUNNING  
OUT.



I WILL DIE SOON.  
I ALWAYS KNEW  
I WOULD, BUT  
THAT WAS "LATER."  
NOW IT'S DAYS  
AWAY, HOURS, I  
CAN'T STOP IT.



BUT I KNOW WHO  
CAN. THE MAN GAVE  
ME LIFE. WHO GAVE  
ME FORM, PURPOSE,  
A NAME... HIS LOVE.  
HOW COULD I HAVE  
THOUGHT HE WOULD  
RISK MY WELL-  
BEING?

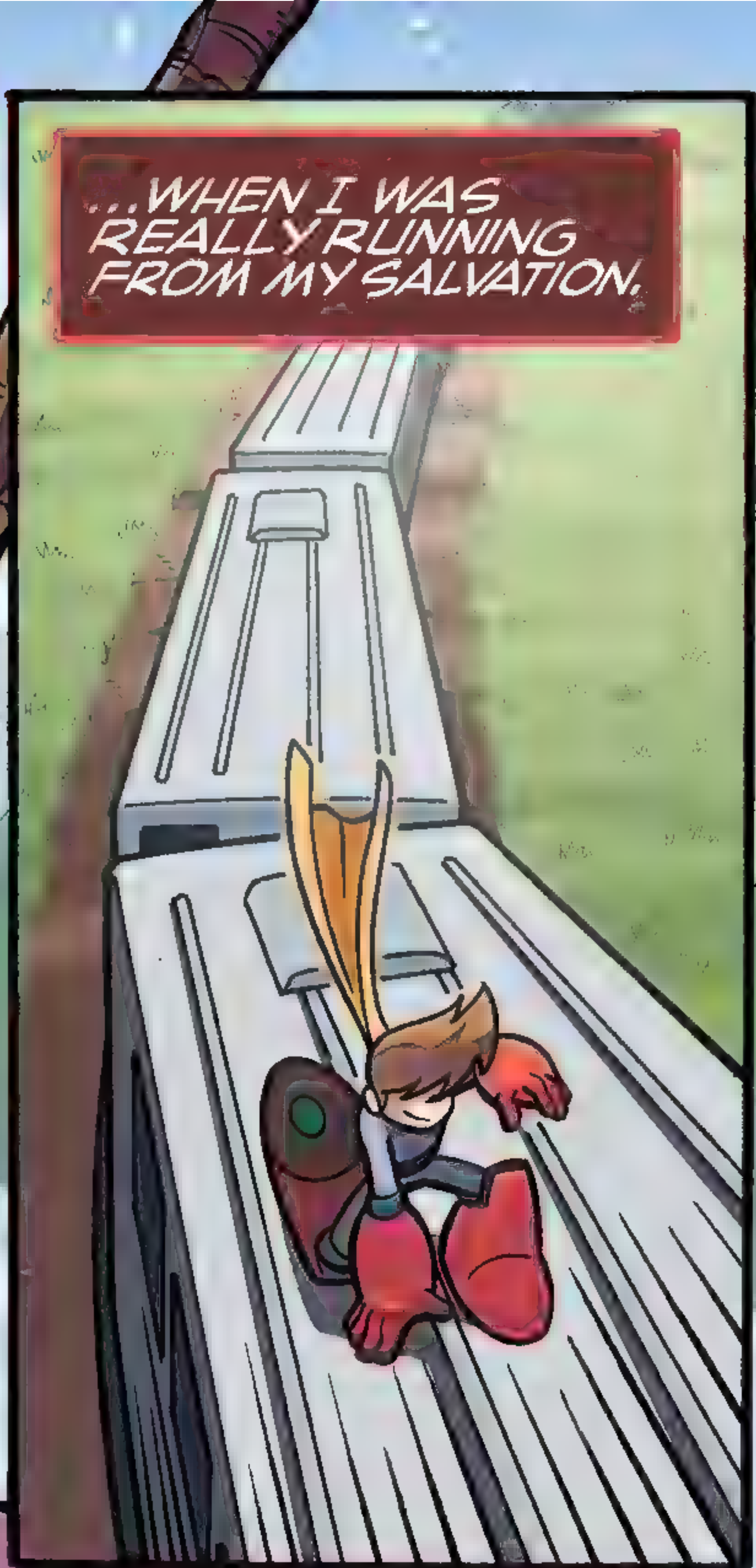


I WAS  
A FOOL.

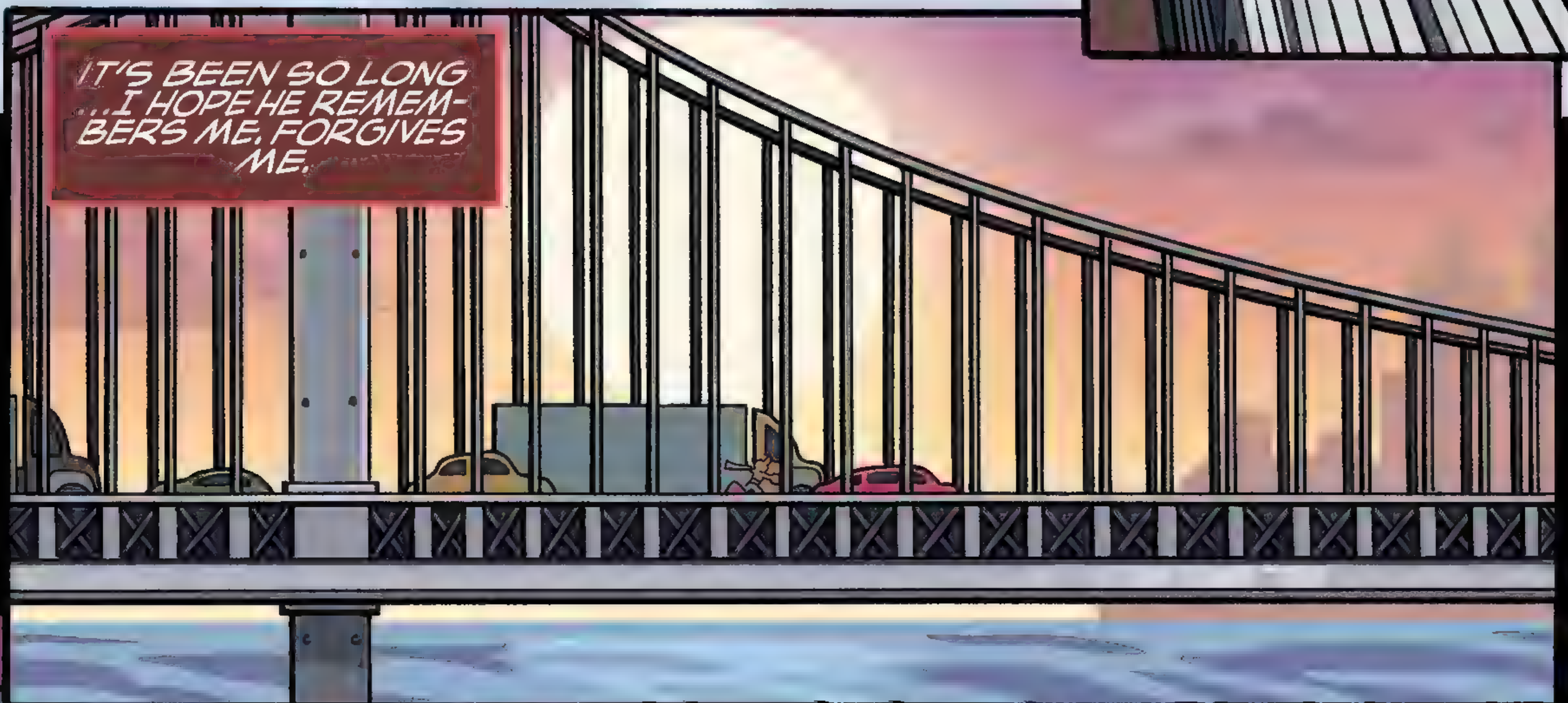




I SPENT SO MUCH TIME RUNNING AWAY FROM MY END.



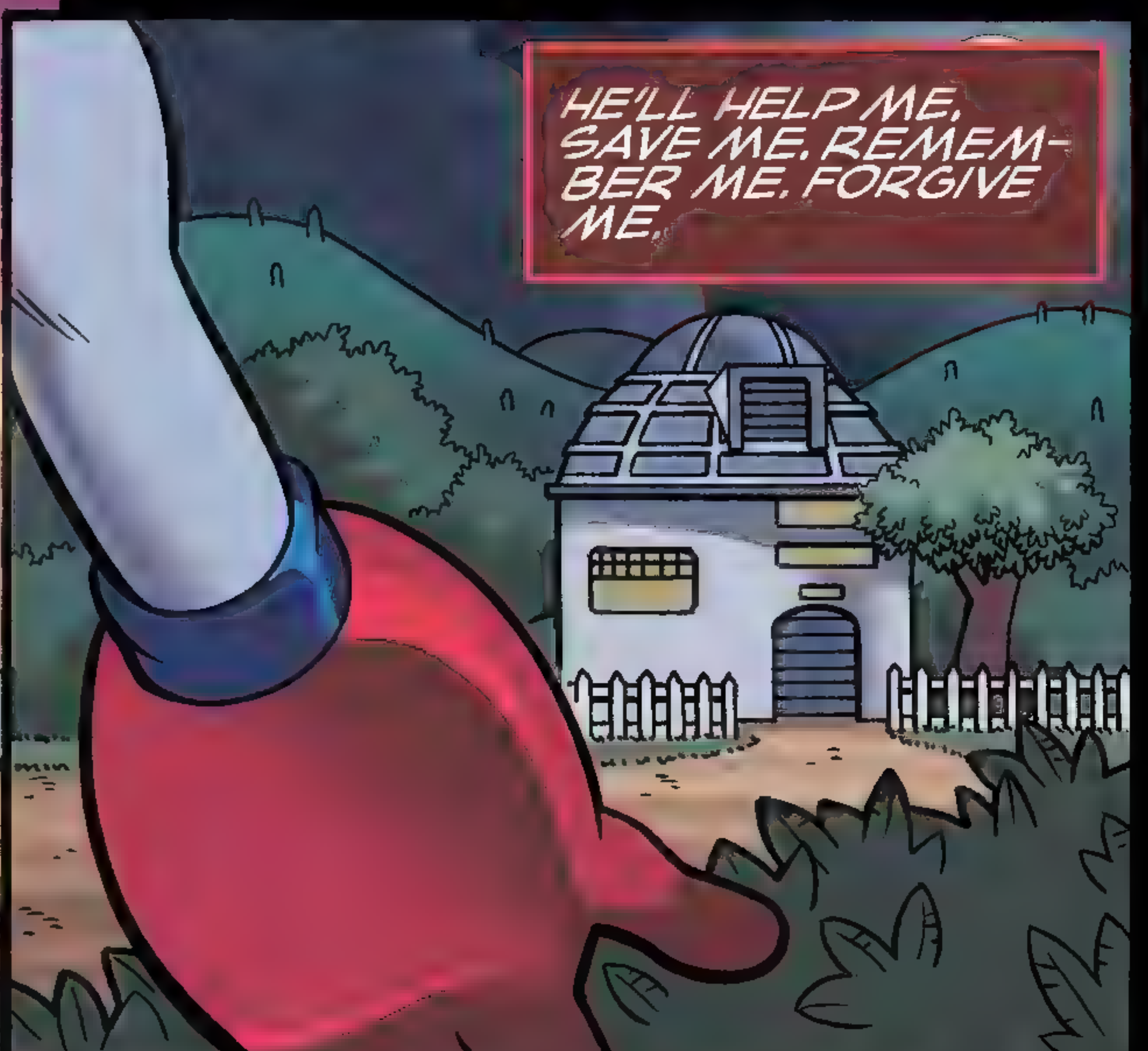
...WHEN I WAS REALLY RUNNING FROM MY SALVATION.



IT'S BEEN SO LONG ...I HOPE HE REMEMBERS ME, FORGIVES ME.

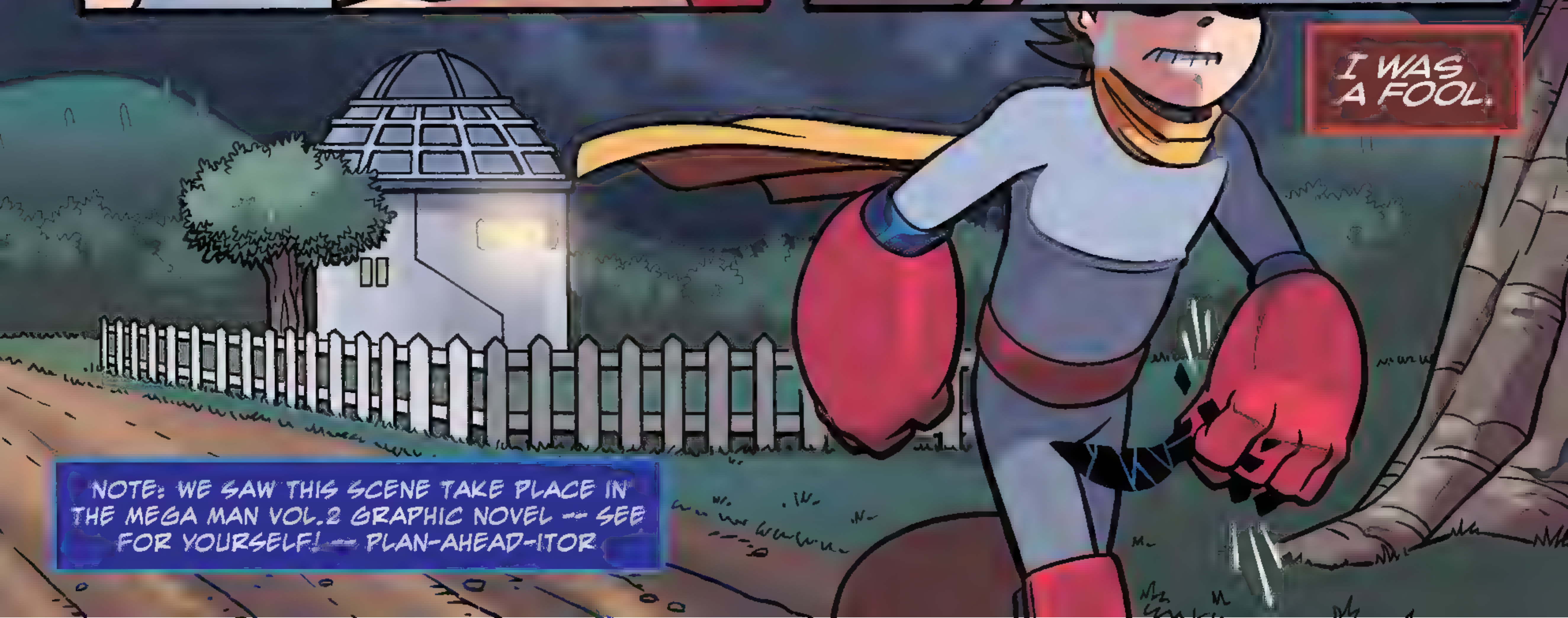


OF COURSE HE WILL! IT'S THAT KIND OF DOUBT THAT DROVE ME AWAY.



HE'LL HELP ME, SAVE ME, REMEMBER ME, FORGIVE ME.





NOTE: WE SAW THIS SCENE TAKE PLACE IN  
THE MEGA MAN VOL.2 GRAPHIC NOVEL -- SEE  
FOR YOURSELF! -- PLAN-AHEAD-ITOR



MY TIME IS ALMOST UP,  
I WON'T SPEND IT SULKING.  
I'LL FIND SOMEPLACE  
SUITABLE. MY LAST  
CHOICE...

LANFRONT RUINS--  
TEMPLE OF THE MOON.

THE MYSTERI-  
OUS SITE WAS  
ABANDONED  
AFTER IT WAS  
FOUND THAT ALL  
ELECTRICAL  
EQUIPMENT  
FAILED WITHIN  
RANGE OF THE  
RUINS. NO ONE  
HAS BEEN BACK  
THERE SINCE.

...AND IT WAS  
THREE YEARS  
AGO TODAY  
THAT THE U.N.  
CALLED OFF  
THE INVESTIGA-  
TION OF THE  
LANFRONT RUINS.

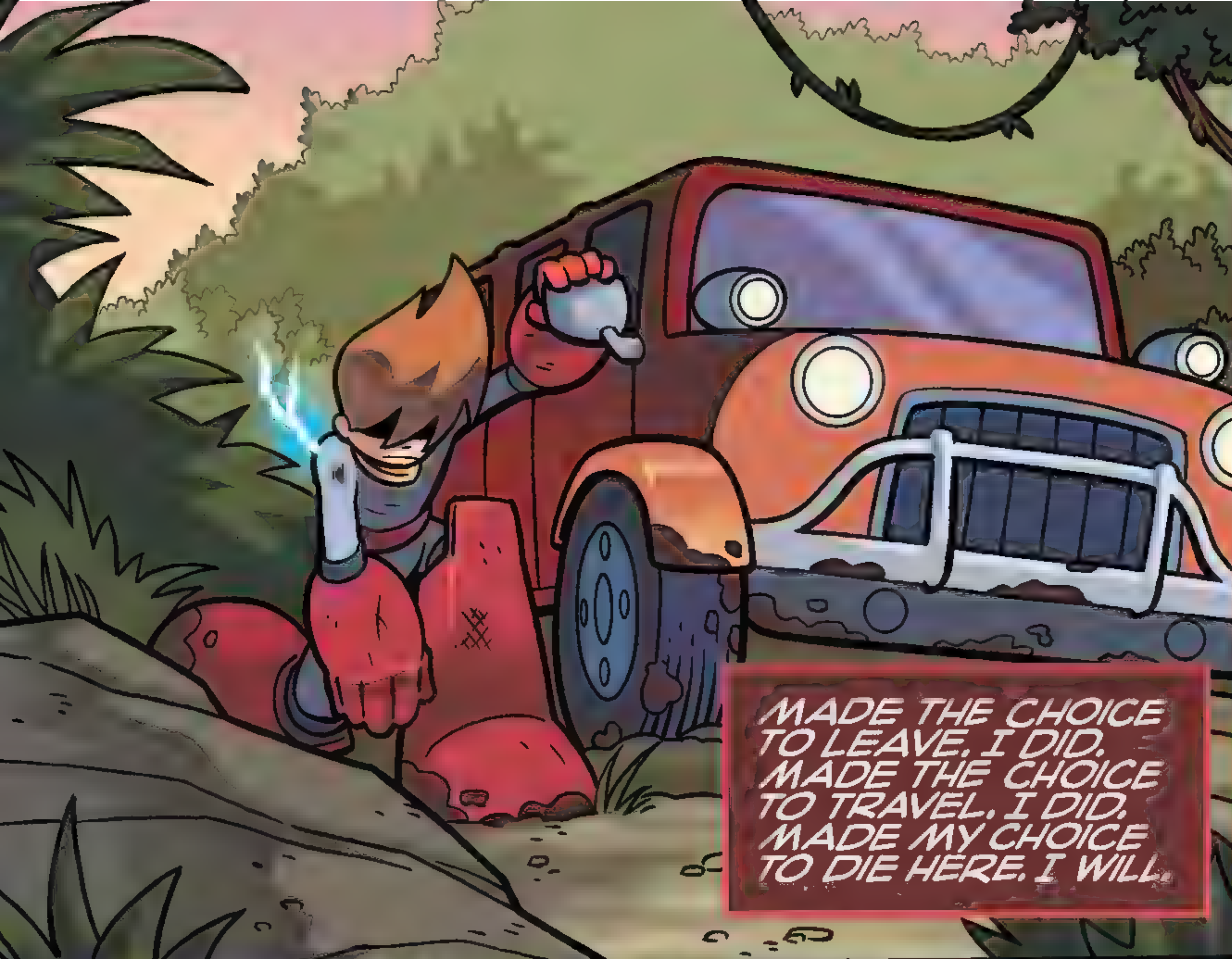
HEH HEH HEH!  
YOU JUST KEEP  
THINKING THAT.

A MACHINE GRAVE-  
YARD REMOVED  
FROM MAN? SEEMS  
FITTING. IT WILL BE  
PEACEFUL THERE.  
NO ONE TO TROUBLE  
ME. NO ONE TO  
TROUBLE MYSELF  
WITH.

"SLEEP" FOR  
HOURS, STILL NOT  
ENOUGH POWER.

NO, I  
MADE IT  
THIS FAR.  
I WILL  
MAKE IT.



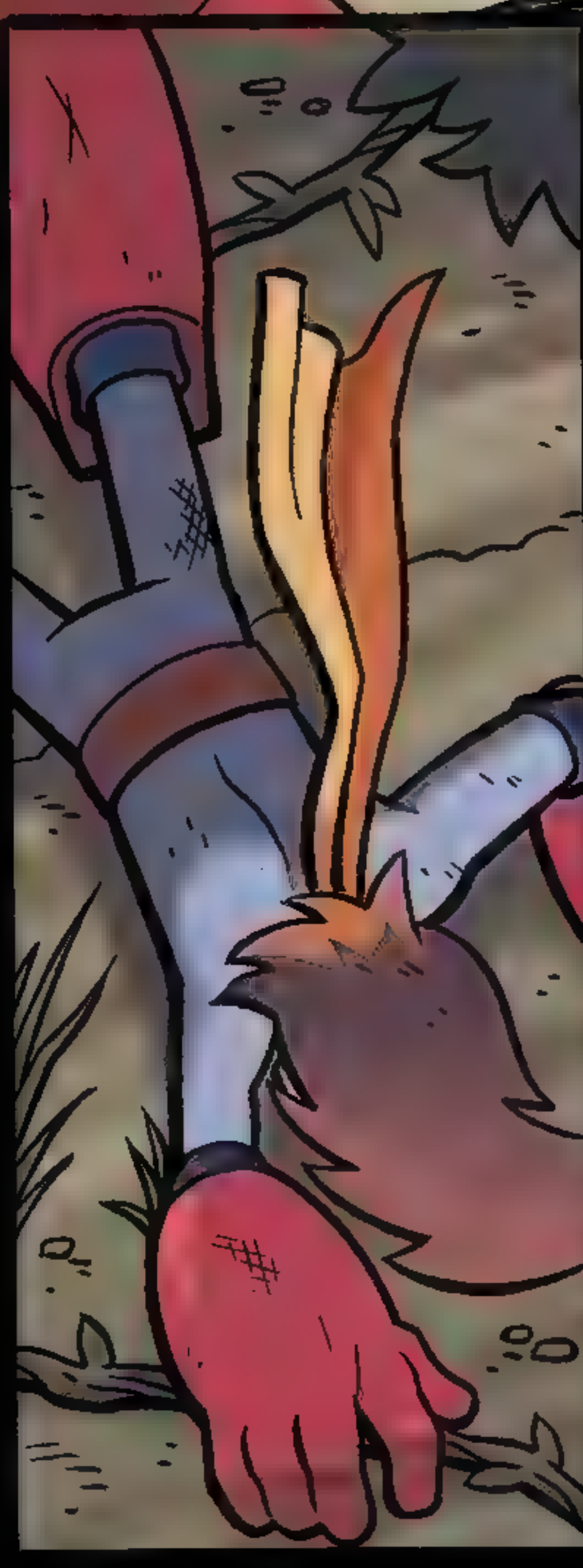
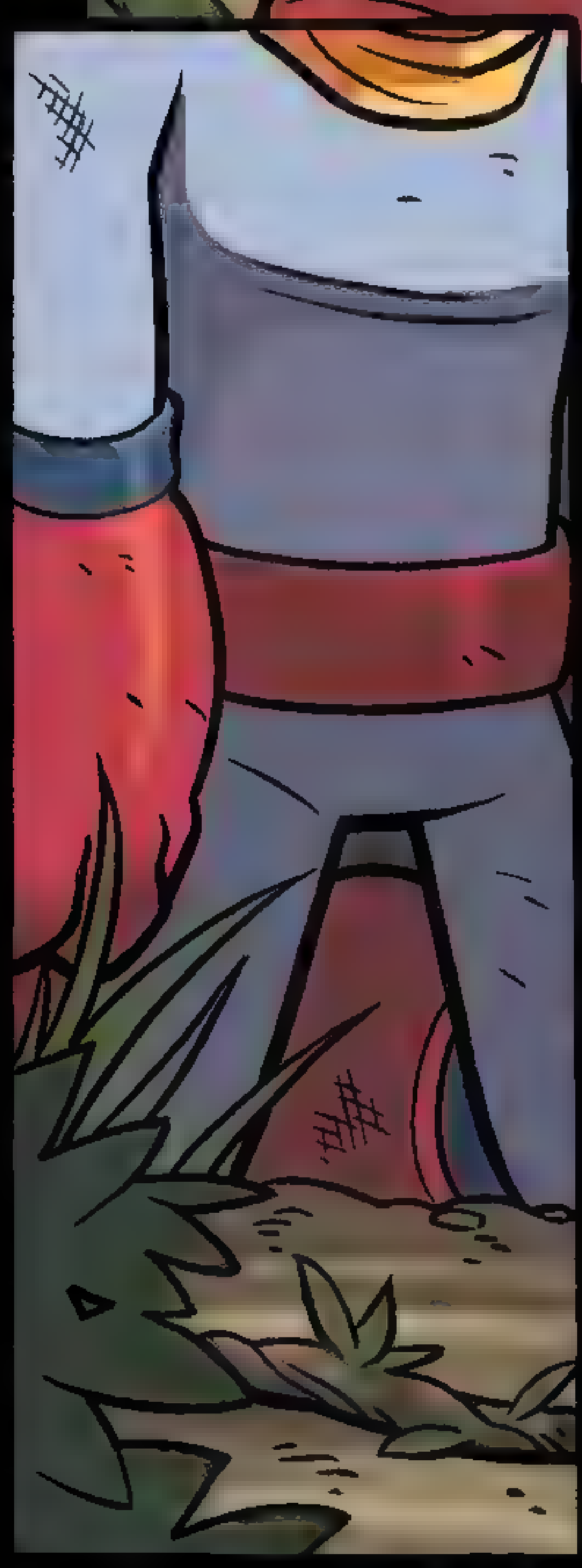


MADE THE CHOICE  
TO LEAVE, I DID.  
MADE THE CHOICE  
TO TRAVEL, I DID.  
MADE MY CHOICE  
TO DIE HERE, I WILL.



MADE MY  
CHOICE TO LIVE  
AS I WANTED.

I DID.







THAT'S IT! WAKY-WAKY! TIME TO RISE, SHINE, AND SHOW SOME GRATITUDE...

...FOR MY TIMELY RESCUE!



YOU DO REMEMBER ME!

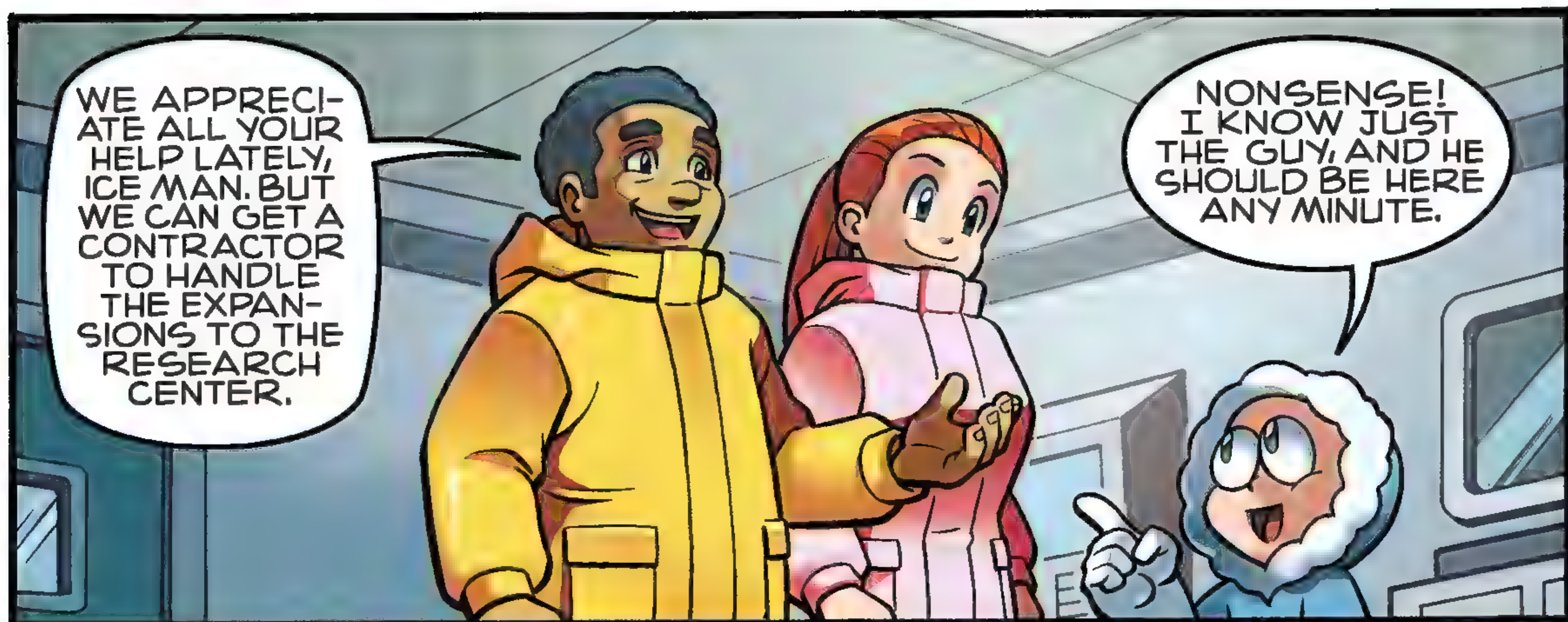
DOCTOR ...DOCTOR... WILY?



HOW NICE.

BLUES'S JOURNEY IS COMPLETE--*FOR NOW!* COME BACK *NEXT* WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, AND THE *FIRST ROBOT* ON THE SCENE IS... *ROLL!?!*





WE APPRECI-  
ATE ALL YOUR  
HELP LATELY,  
ICE MAN. BUT  
WE CAN GET A  
CONTRACTOR  
TO HANDLE  
THE EXPAN-  
SIONS TO THE  
RESEARCH  
CENTER.

NONSENSE!  
I KNOW JUST  
THE GUY, AND HE  
SHOULD BE HERE  
ANY MINUTE.

# COLD FEAT

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HEY! DID SOME-  
ONE ORDER A  
ROBOT, EXTRA-  
MANLY?



WHY, DO YOU  
KNOW ANY?  
HAHA! THANKS  
FOR COMING  
ON SHORT  
NOTICE, GUTS  
MAN.

ANY TIME, BROTHER, THO' I  
DIDN'T REALLY READ YOUR  
EMAIL. SPENT TOO MUCH TIME  
PARTYING WITH CONCRETE  
MAN. SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING  
OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF  
NOWHERE?

I'VE BEEN  
HELPING THE  
RESEARCH  
TEAM HERE  
STUDY THE  
GLACIER.

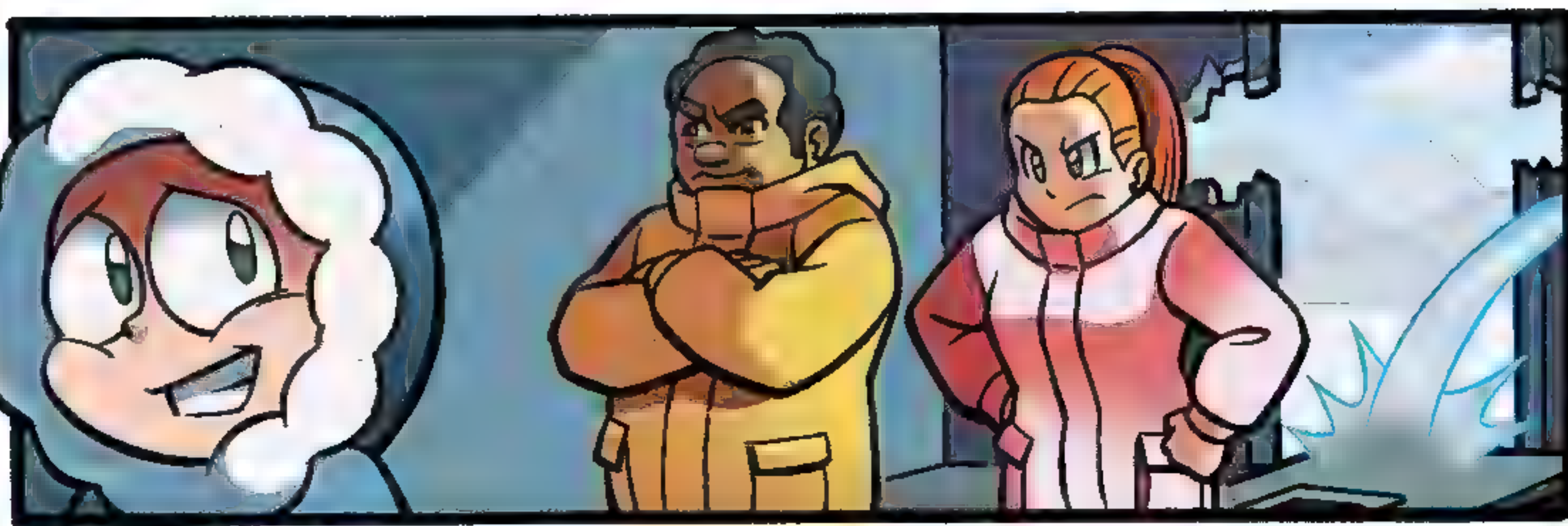
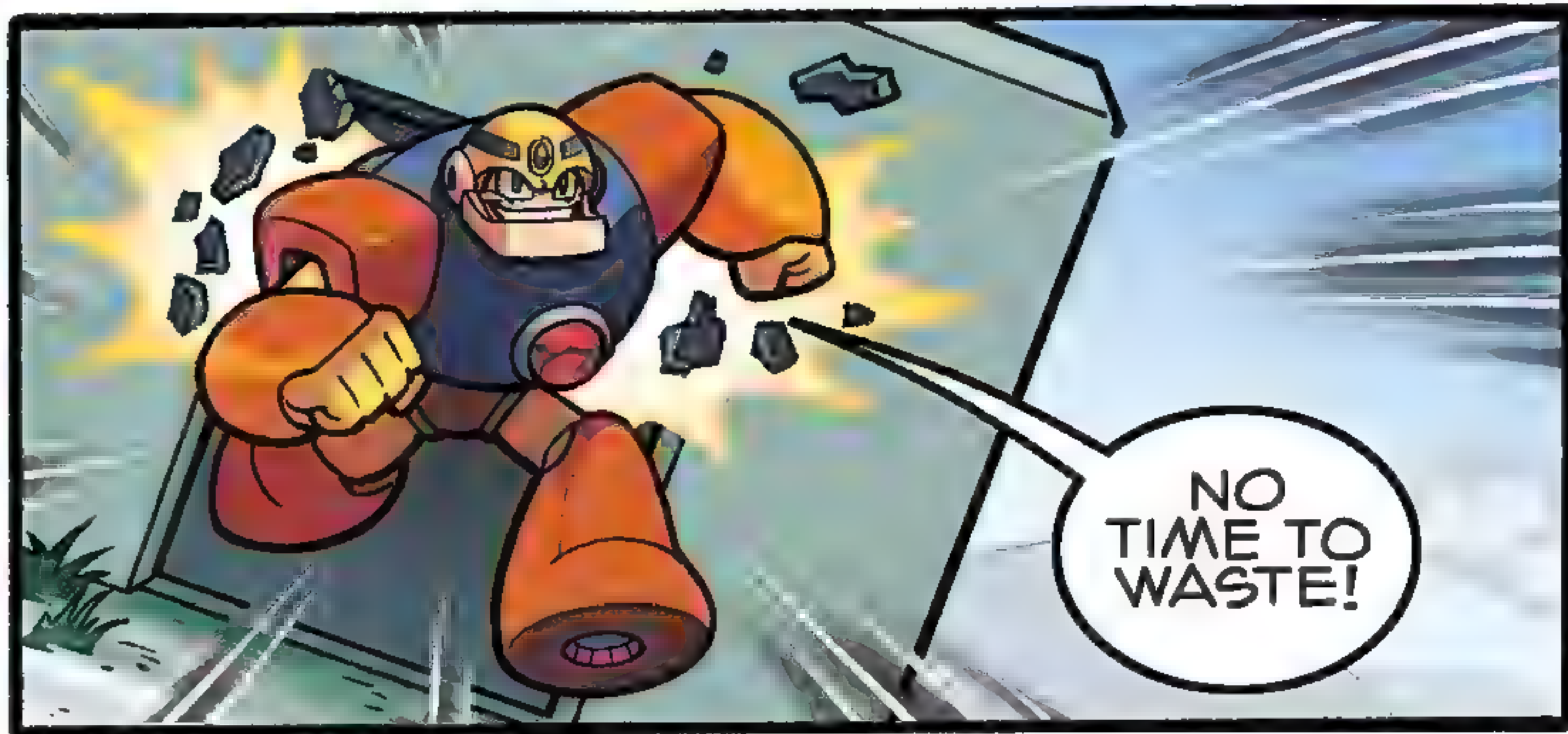
THAT  
SOUNDS...  
BORING.

NOT AT ALL! OUR  
FINDINGS HAVE  
ACTUALLY BEEN  
ALARMING. DUE  
TO CHANGES IN  
THE ENVIRONMENT,  
THE GLACIER'S  
MOVEMENT HAS  
DOUBLED WITHIN  
THE PAST FEW  
YEARS.

AH-HA! THAT'S  
WHY YOU NEEDED  
ME! WE'VE GOT  
TO STOP THAT  
RUNAWAY GLACIER  
BEFORE IT  
DESTROYS THIS  
PLACE!

WHAT?  
**NO!**

NO  
TIME TO  
WASTE!







GUTS MAN!  
*WAIT!* THE  
GLACIER IS  
STILL ONLY  
MOVING  
INCHES PER  
YEAR!

HOLD IT  
RIGHT THERE,  
GLACIER!

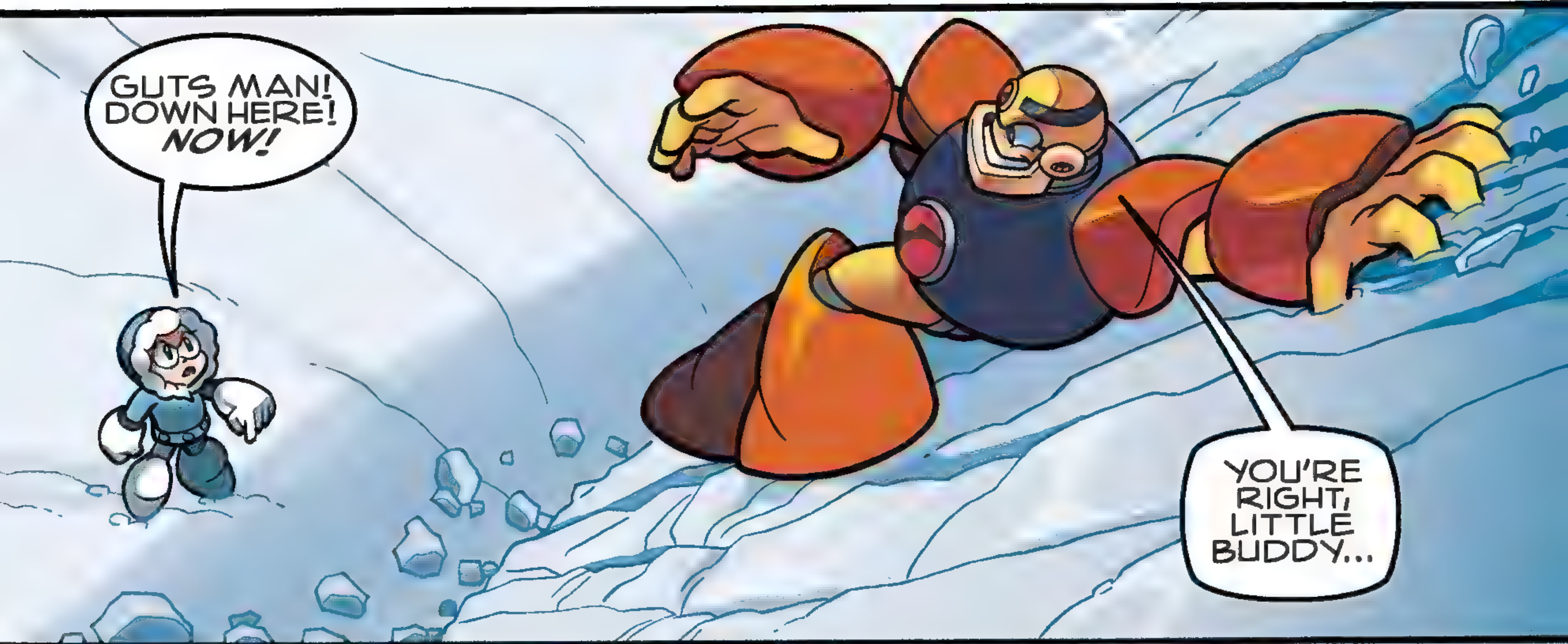


HAHAHA!  
TAKE THAT!  
AND THAT!  
YOU STUPID  
HUNK OF  
WHATEVER!



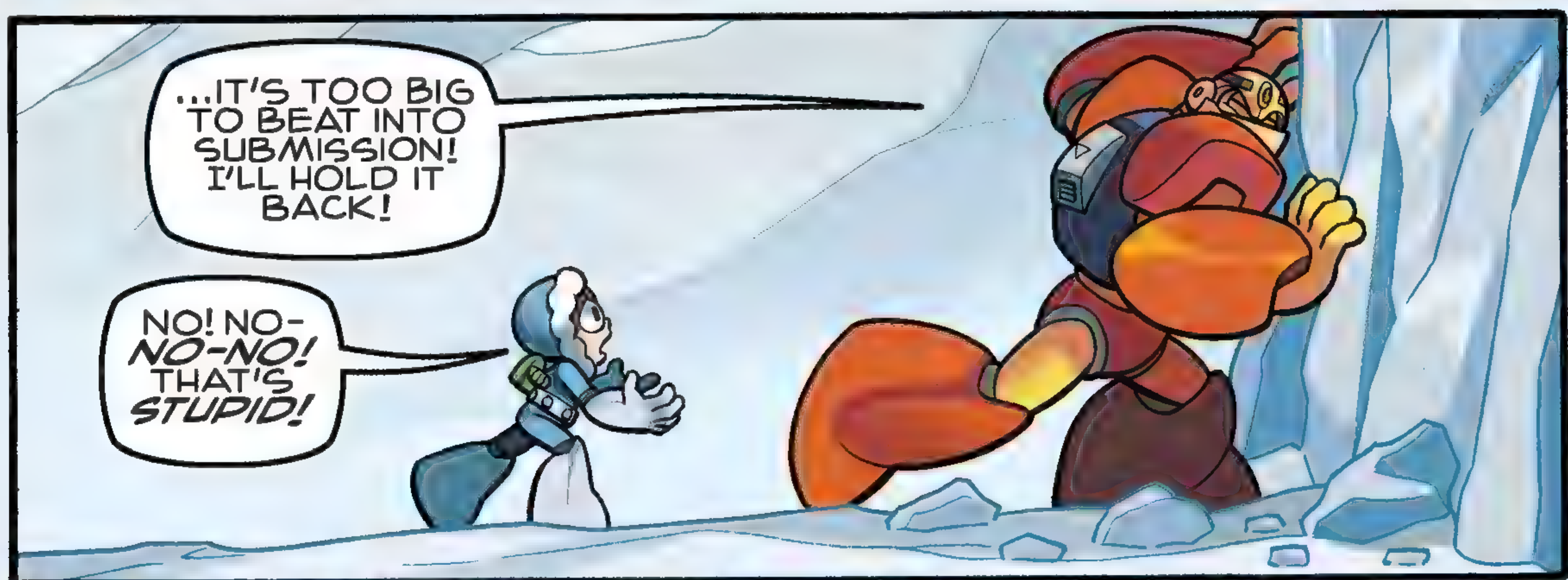
NOOOOOOOO!  
YOU'RE DESTROYING  
A VERY FRAGILE  
ECOSYSTEM!





GUTS MAN!  
DOWN HERE!  
*NOW!*

YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
LITTLE  
BUDDY...



...IT'S TOO BIG  
TO BEAT INTO  
SUBMISSION!  
I'LL HOLD IT  
BACK!

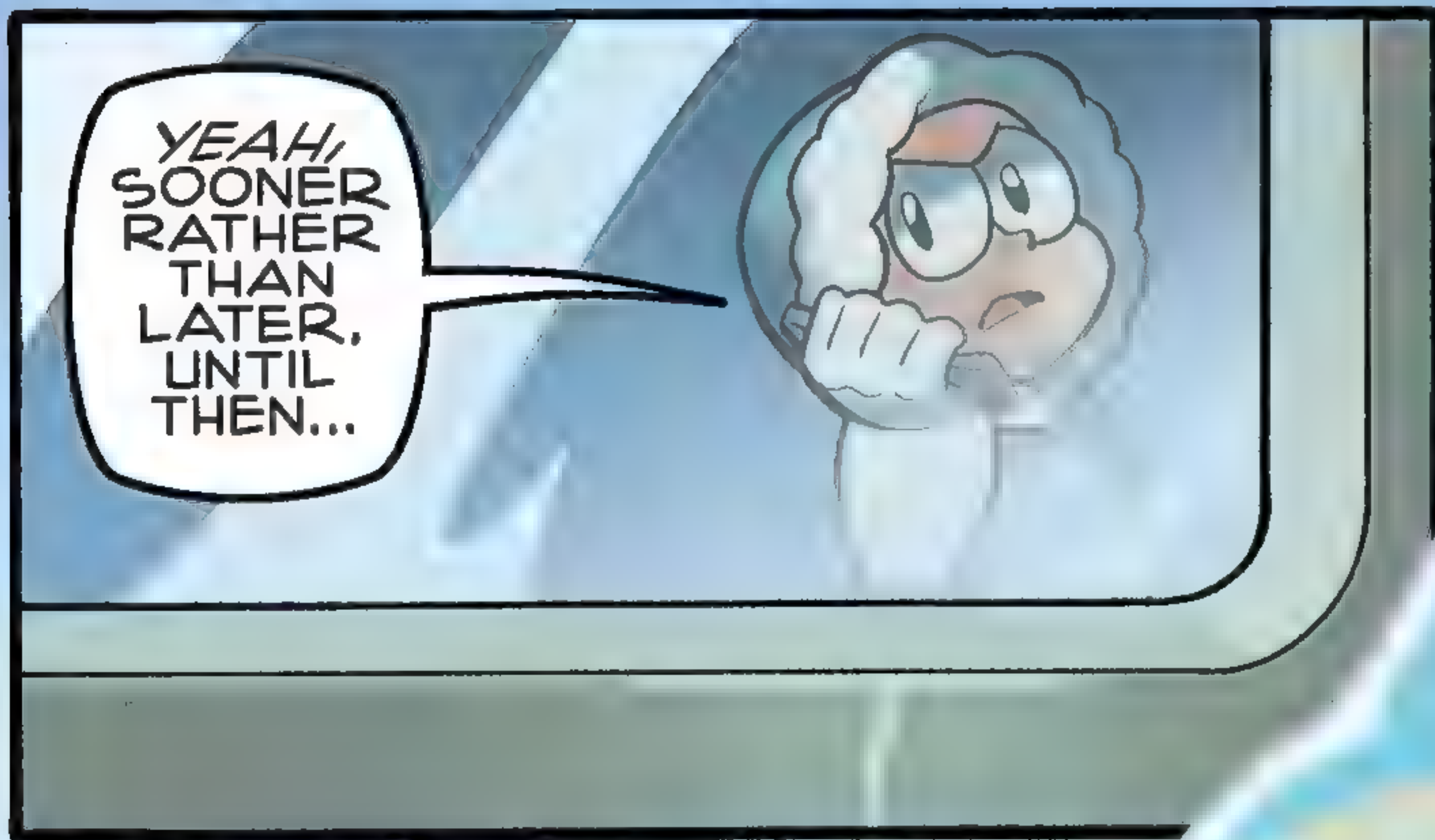
NO! NO-  
NO-NO-NO!  
THAT'S  
*STUPID!*



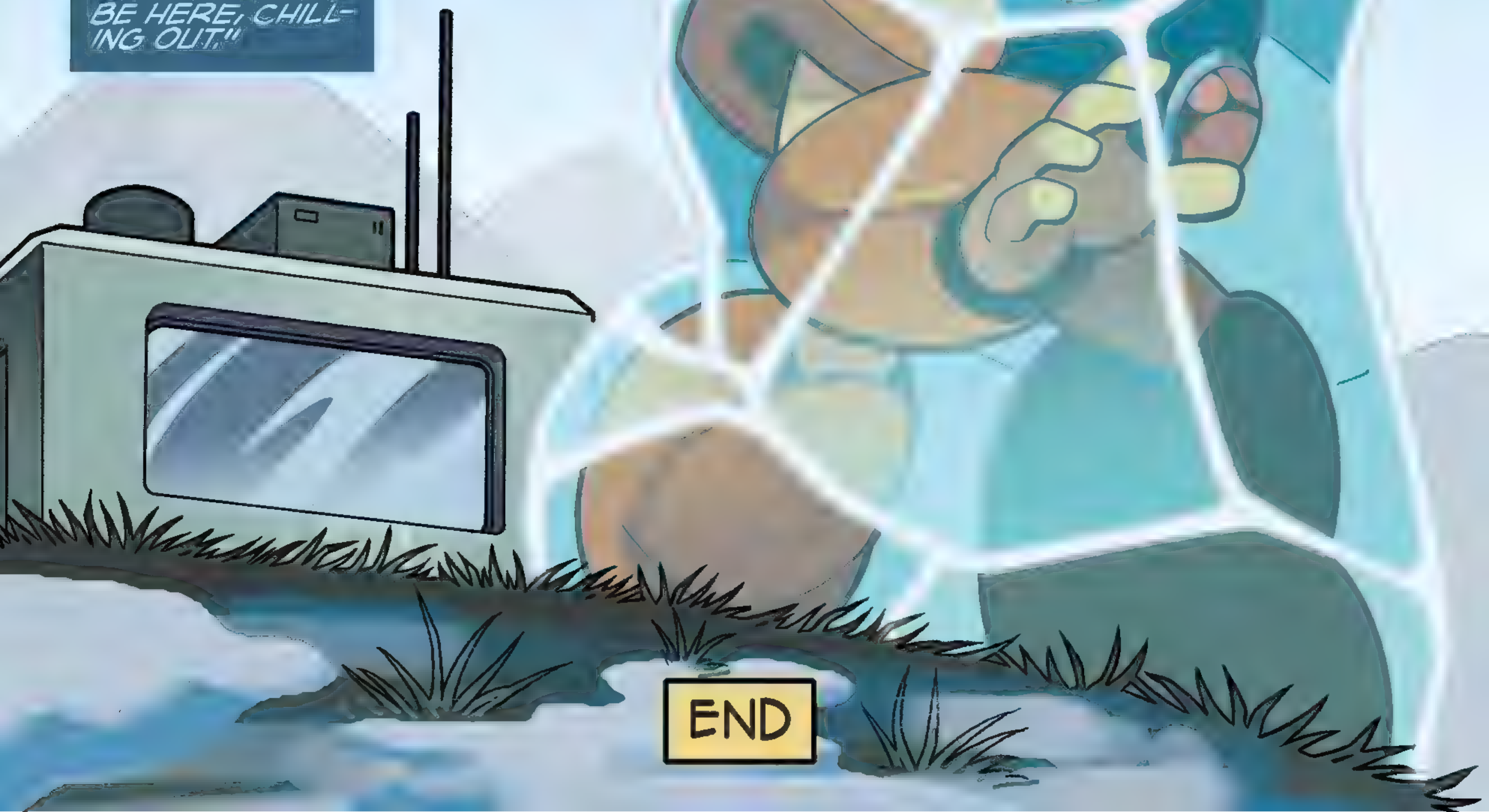
OF  
COURSE!  
WHY STOP IT,  
WHEN I CAN  
PUSH IT  
*BACK*  
?!







"...HE'LL JUST BE HERE, CHILLING OUT."







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**ROLL WITH IT**





### THE SAGA OF PROTO MAN IS FAR FROM OVER!

Now that Blues/Break Man is back and in the clutches of Dr. Wily's influence, it's only a matter of time before he and Mega Man finally square off! And I assure you, that battle is coming!



BE SURE TO PICK UP THIS ISSUE'S AWESOME VARIANT COVER ILLUSTRATED BY EISNER AWARD WINNING ARTIST MIKE NORTON, AVAILABLE ONLY AT YOUR LOCAL COMIC SHOP!

In the meantime we've got a lot of cool surprises in store for all the mega-fans out there in mega-land, including a series of stand-alone stories that will continue to flesh-out the Mega Man comic universe and explore the characters established in the last 18 issues. We'll have spotlights on characters like Roll, Splash Woman, Tempo, Oil Man, Agents Krantz and Stern, Xander Payne, and a few that are too spoiler-ific to even tell you about yet! All of which culminates in our big Spring crossover event, which I'll tell you about more as it comes.

So sit tight, mega-peoples, and don't forget to spread the good word about the Mega Man series to a friend!

Can't wait until y'all see what we've got in store for you!



ENJOY A PREVIEW PENCIL PAGE BY RYAN JAMPOLE FROM MEGA MAN #19'S "ROLL WITH IT" STORY!

PAUL



Catch ya next time!

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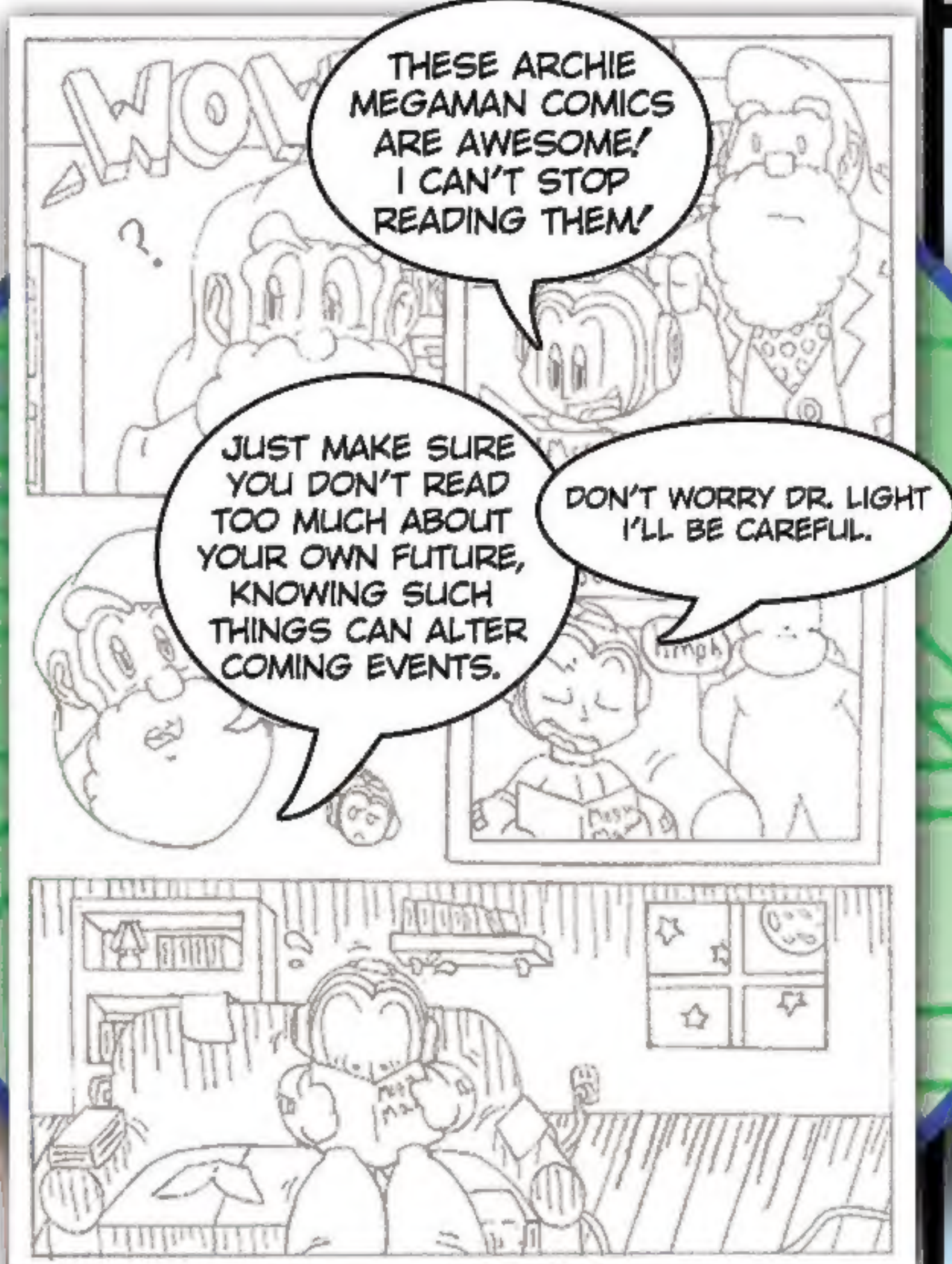
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Dear Mega-Mail,  
I'm just going to start off plain and simple: I absolutely love the comic adaption of the Mega Man series!

**And I absolutely LOVE this letter!**

I just finished reading issue # 12 (I know, I'm kinda behind), and I thought it was awesome! I picked up issues 9 - 12 and finished reading them in a matter of like, 30 minutes. Also, the part where Mega Man battled Flash Man was just funny. I laughed when he said "so...much... hair..." so hard lol!

**Dr. Wily is a sick man to inflict baldness onto one of his robots! Good thing we've got Mega Man around to deal out some justice!**

I'll just get on with the question, since that's why I'm writing! Will all the Mega Man robot masters be appearing throughout the series? I would love to see them all, especially the ones from Mega Man 3. (Snake Man and Gemini Man forever, dude.)

**Insanely talented writer and all-around good guy Ian Flynn has plans to introduce all the Robot Masters into the comic series, yes! And the best way to catch all those appearances? Why, subscribe to the comic, of course! Or head on down to your nearest retailer or local comic shop (dial 1-888-comic-book to find a shop nearest you) and "DEMAND YOUR MEGA MAN!"**

Well, that's it for now. I hope you reply to them! Live on, Blue Bomber!

Sincerely,  
Kira S.

sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

**Thanks for writing in, Kira!**

Dear Mega-Mail,  
I've been a mega fan for so many years now, and even though I found out about the comic late, I'm definitely caught up. Amazing all ages comic, great art! I guess my very first fan letter to mega mail wasn't printed, so I thought I'd send this to show my appreciation.

**Appreciation received and appreciated right back atcha!**

Just maybe one suggestion -- creating story arcs longer than 4 issues? I know that's what people were saying before in the mail, and I think it would make the story arcs even better.

**We'll have a variety of different story lengths over the next year, from one-shots to 12-part epics!**

Keep up the great work!  
John L. Canada

**Thanks for the letter, John!**

Dear Mega-Mail,  
I am 21 years old and have been a Mega Man fan since I was little. The games have always been about good 'ol action, thrills, and pleasing the demands of the fans. Your comic not only meets this criteria, but

surpasses what anybody could have hoped for. As a huge and faithful fan, I could not see anybody else doing as well of a job as you guys. Your faithfulness to the series, writing, incredible art, easter eggs, and playful jabs at oddities from the games have charged up my love for the Blue Bomber even more.

**Thanks, we'll keep bringing on the awesome!**

I recently ordered and read issues #1-12. It's a ton of awesomeness in one sitting! I am more than pleased with what you have done with my all-time favorite video game franchise. Your attention to detail and respect for the fans are second to none. Thank you so much for publishing this comic!

Sincerely,  
Dylan Strohl

**You are quite welcome! Thank you for reading, Dylan-- as we enter Mega Man's 25th Anniversary year you'll be seeing a lot of variety from this title and we think you're gonna love what we've got in store for ya. (hint -- that Ra Moon business in the Amazon Jungle? Yea, you ain't seen NOTHIN' yet!)**

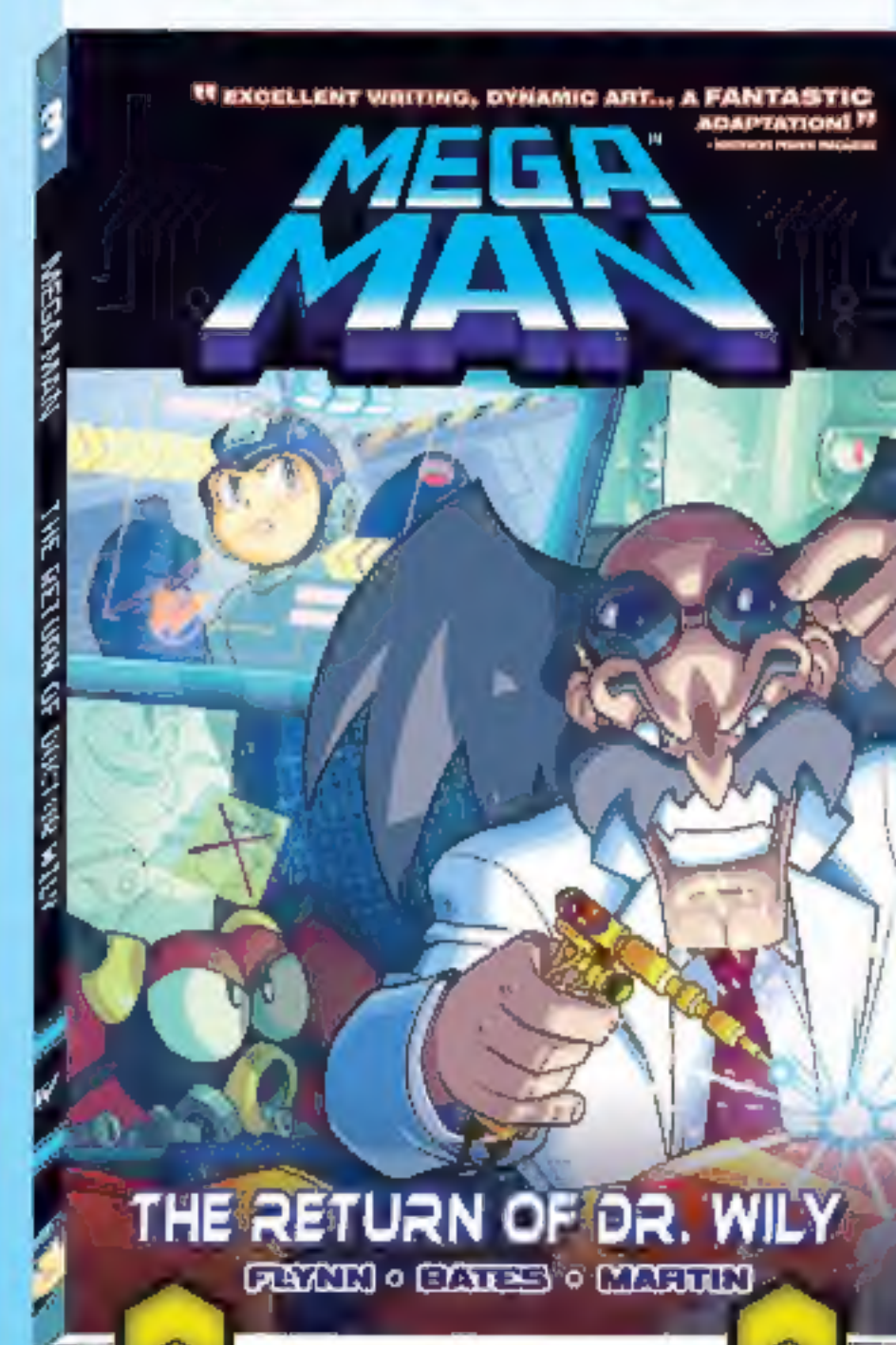
**That's all for this month, see everyone back here for Roll to take the spotlight in "Roll with It!" in the very next issue! Same Mega-time, same Mega-comic!**

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**ROLL WITH IT**

MOVE OVER  
**MEGA MAN,**  
BECAUSE THE GIRLS HAVE  
GOT THIS ONE COVERED!!  
THERE'S A STORM BREWING  
ON THE HIGH SEAS, CAN  
ROLL AND THE GIRLS SAVE  
THE DAY?  
**ON SALE THE WEEK OF  
11/20/12!**



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